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SUBJ: IV NOMINATION FOR MUSEUM OFFICIAL

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1. POST PROPOSES IMPLEMENT CPP PROJECT H-26 AND NOMINATES
MISS STELLA MARIE ONYIKE, CURATOR, GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM,
UNIBADAN TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT FOR FOREIGN
MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS.

THIS MESSAGE SUPERSEDES REF. A.

2. PART I NOMINATION DATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: MARIE STELLA ONYIKE

PRESENT POSITION: CURATOR, GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY
OF IBADAN, IBADAN, OYO STATE.

PAST POSITIONS: SCIENTIFIC OFFICER, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
DEPT., FEDERAL MINISTRY OF MINES AND
POWER.

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 1 AUG 2013]; AHIARA-OWERRI,
IMO STATE (FORMERLY EAST CENTRAL).

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS

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PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE

US: NONE

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO

OTHER COUNTRIES: WEST GERMANY 1973; FRANCE, BRITAIN 1974.

PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NONE.

VISA ELIGIBILITY: NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE.

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: MISS ONYIKE HAS HELD HER POSITION AS THE

FIRST CURATOR OF THE GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR. SHE HAS HER DEGREE IN GEOLOGY BUT NO FORMAL TRAINING IN RUNNING MUSEUM FOR SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION PURPOSES -- THAT IS, BRINGING IN COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL GROUPS TO UTILIZE EXHIBITS. SHE WAS NOMINATED PERSONALLY BY PROF. OYAWOYE, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT GEOLOGY, UNIBADAN. IN HIS ROLE AS CO-DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, OYAWOYE HAS WORKED WITH POST PREVIOUSLY ON GRANTS IN PETROLEUM SECTOR (SUMMER OIL INTERNS), AND IS ADVISOR TO FMG. BY SEEKING TO UPGRADE THE GEOLOGY MUSEUM THROUGH THIS GRANT, OYAWOYE REAFFIRMS UNIVERSITY'S EMPHASIS ON STRENGTHENING PROGRAMS RELATED TO VITAL PETROLEUM SECTOR. MOREOVER, NOMINEE MIGHT BE RECALLED TO FEDERAL MINISTRY PETROLEUM AND ENERGY (RENAMED) AND WOULD BE USEFUL CONTACT IN THIS IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT AGENCY. THUS THIS OPPORTUNITY PARTICULARLY ADVANTAGEOUS AS IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE TO SEND HER (OR OTHERS) AS FEDERAL OFFICIAL FROM MINISTRY.

OBJECTIVES OF US VISIT: GRANT WOULD DIRECTLY SUPPORT OBJECTIVES

II AND III OF CPP AND INDIRECTLY OBJECTIVES I AND IV.

IN ADDITION, GRANT WOULD COMPLEMENT OTHERS THIS FIELD, SERVE TO STRENGTHEN INSTITUTIONAL TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND COULD LEAD TO FUTURE EXCHANGES AS ENVISIONED PARA. 2 REFTEL B. BY EXPOSING THIS YOUNG PROFESSIONAL TO COLLEAGUES IN U.S. AND FROM OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES WE WILL MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNIBADAN INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCE APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. ON PART OF THIS LEADER AND HER COLLEAGUES WITH WHOM SHE WILL INTERACT ON RETURN. IF SHE

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RETURNS TO FEDERAL SERVICE, BENEFITS WOULD BE EVEN GREATER.

AVAILABILITY DATES

FOR GRANT: APRIL 30 - JUNE 4, 1976.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY APPROVAL THIS GRANT.

4. ALTERNATES: (A) DR. (MRS.) A.B. DUROTOYE

ASSISTANT CURATOR
NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY OF IFE
ILE IFE.

(B) MR. I. AKINSETE
CURATOR
FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES
NATIONAL MUSEUM, LAGOS.

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